# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
# LOK SABHA

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SUBSIDY TO TEA PLANTERS
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**Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:**

(a) the amount of subsidy to the tea planters during last three years;

(b) the amount of subsidy to the rubber planters during last three years;

(c) the details year-wise and plantation-wise;

(d) whether the Government has any proposal to amend the Plantation Labour Act; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY(SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN)

(a) to (c): Details of subsidy disbursed to tea and rubber planters during the last three years are given below:-

Year Amount disbursed (Rupees in lakhs)

| | Tea | Rubber |
|---|---|---|
| 2002-03 | 2784.00 | 1549.00 |
| 2003-04 | 2205.23 | 1803.40 |
| 2004-05 (upto February, 05) (Provisional) | 3884.40# | 1203.00 |

# this includes Rs. 2053.88 lakhs disbursed as price subsidy to small tea growers.

(d) & (e): One of the recommendation that emerged at the stakeholders` conference on challenges before Indian tea industry held on 16th and 17th September 2004 was regarding review of the Plantations Labour Act keeping in view the vast changes in the plantations over the past 50 years and keeping in mind the interest of all stakeholders.